

The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Wilfrid, Selsey

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PARISH PRIEST: Father John Healy

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
30th April 2017

29th/

Mass Times

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| Saturday | 5.30pm | Helen Ruddell (anniversary) | |
| Sunday | 10.00am | Intentions of the Parish | |
| Monday | | Weekday in Eastertide | |
| | 10.00am | Tom & Pat Hobbs RIP | |
| Tuesday | | St. Athanasius | No Mass |
| Wednesday | | St. Philip and St. James | No Mass |
| Thursday | | The English Martyrs | No Mass |
| Friday | | Weekday in Eastertide | |
| | 10.00am | | |
| Saturday Mass | | Weekday in Eastertide | No Morning |

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| | 5.30pm | Intentions of the Parish | |
| Sunday | 10.00am | | |

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45 to 5.15pm

[3rd Sunday of Easter - page 258 in the Parish Mass Book]

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: This weekend we welcome to the parish Michael Casey - the diocesan representative of Aid to the Church in Need (UK) - who is making an appeal for our support for this international charity. The charity is focusing much of its effort at the moment on supporting Christians in troubled countries in the Middle East where Christians, and other religious minorities, are persecuted and displaced in a number of countries in the region. The retiring collection is in support of Aid to the Church in Need. (This collection cannot be Gift Aided.)

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING GROUP: The May meeting of the Group will be this Tuesday evening in the Parish Hall, beginning at 6.30pm. The main item on the agenda will be the final preparations for the Family Talent Show. There is also an item on future fundraising. All will be welcome.

“QUIET RESISTANCE” Please note that the illustrated talk about Palestine, and the launch of a newly published book about life in a Palestinian Refugee Camp, will be this Thursday (the 4th and not the 7th of May as in a previous note) in Arundel Town Hall. Admission is free; donations for refreshments that will be available.

CELEBRATING THEIR MARRIAGE: Nicholas Crist (once of this parish) and Vivien May will be celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony in St. Wilfrid's next Saturday as they are joined by their families and friends to pray for God's blessing on their married life. Please pray for them on this special and joyous day.

COFFEE AFTER MASS: There will be coffee and other refreshments in the Hall after Mass next Saturday evening and Sunday morning. All will be welcome.

TELLING THE STORY

Telling stories dates back to the beginning of human history when our human ancestors first sat around fires at the end of the day and began to develop signs and sounds that helped them share their daily news and make sense of their world. In today's Gospel the two disciples on the road to Emmaus were so intent on sharing the story of the previous three days, trying to make some sense of it, that they were only vaguely aware of the stranger who joined them on the road and didn't bother to register who he was. At an appropriate moment he interrupted their story telling to tell his own story. The stranger's story set the events of the previous days in the context of God's story as it is told in the Scriptures, and so helped to make sense of the recent events. It was when the stranger, at the end of the journey, blessed, broke and shared bread with the two disciples that they realised who he was. They had left Jerusalem thinking that they were no more than the disappointed ex-disciples of a dead prophet: they returned as renewed, joy-filled disciples of the Risen Lord – the light of Easter Sunday had, during their meal, dispelled the darkness of Good Friday and now everything looked different.

Each of us comes to Church with our own current story (or stories) being told somewhere in our thoughts. We listen to God's story told in the Readings and often find that a word, or a phrase or an event connects with our own story. Then, like the disciples at Emmaus, we recognise the Risen Jesus in the blessing, breaking and sharing of bread and wine. So, if there is any darkness in our current story – worry, fear, pain, confusion, anxiety, disappointment or any other “Friday feelings” – then it can begin to look different in the light of Easter Sunday and we, too, can become a renewed disciple of the Risen Lord, ready to tell own joyous story.

“GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY” The Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Easter is always about Jesus as the “Good Shepherd” and for that reason has become Vocations' Sunday. Next weekend we will listen to a Pastoral Message from Bishop Richard reflecting on both ideas.

EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS: Good Shepherd/Vocations' Sunday has also become the occasion each year for a special retiring collection to help the Bishop to fund the education of future priests for the diocese. As a diocesan collection, it can be Gift Aided using one of the special envelopes from the box of envelopes if you have one.

FAMILY TALENT SHOW: Next Sunday afternoon from 2.30pm talent from within the families of our parish and town will be on display. It's not too late to sign-on - there's a list in the Porch - for those willing to take part, with a song, a dance, a recital (verbal or musical) or any other form of entertainment; and tickets are on sale after Mass for those wanting to come and watch. There is a rumour that there is talent to be found among our younger families from Eastern Europe: the following note is to ensure that no one misses the opportunity to display their talents...

KONKURS TALENTÓW w naszej parafii! Odbędzie się w naszym kościele, w niedzielę 7 maja od godz. 14:30. Zapraszamy wszystkich lokalnych mieszkańców jak i odwiedzających z odległych łądów. Ktokolwiek kto śpiewa, gra na instrumencie, tańczy, żongluje, jest aktorem, jest zabawny, maluje czy umie rozbawić widownię rodzinną- jest proszony o wpisanie się na listę która się znajduje na ganku kościelnym. Dzieci wchodzą za darmo, bilet dla dorosłej publiczności tylko £5 za osobę. Proszę skontaktuj się z Julianem na 01243 607260 lub wyślij maila na julian.lindseyclark@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui Brooker, Frances Casey, Max Foreshew, Nell Hassett, Grace Ledger, Samantha Phillips, Sheilagh Roberts and all in the parish who are sick.

Please speak to Fr. John if you would like the parish to pray for you, or for someone in your family.

Collections: 22nd/23rd April Offertory Collection
£363.42p

Church Maintenance Fund

£65.56p

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